

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



October 6, 1998

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-55-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

**REFERENCE: RITES OF PASSAGES REMOTE TRAINING FACILITY**

The purpose of this Notice is to provide additional information on recently enacted legislation regarding California placements in out-of-state group homes. As you were informed in All County Information Notice No. I-53-98 dated September 15, 1998 (copy attached), only those out-of-state group homes specifically authorized by the Administrator of the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children are eligible to receive public funds, pending certification. The list of facilities authorized by the Compact Administrator to receive public funds pending certification was attached to that Notice, and that list excluded the Rites of Passage Remote Training Facility.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has informed the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that the Rites of Passage Remote Training Facility is a detention facility. With that determination, the care of California children placed at the Remote Training Facility cannot be supported by public funds, whether federal, state or county. You will soon receive a follow-up County Fiscal Letter issuing related claiming instructions.

Placement agencies should immediately begin planning for alternative placements for children at the Remote Training Facility. Effective November 1, 1998, no California child at that site will be eligible for federal, state or county funds. Please inform the Deputy Interstate Compact Administrator, Ernestine Barbieri at (916) 445-2807, of your alternative plans for children currently in placement at the Remote Training Facility. Please note that the other Rites of Passage sites are not affected by the Department of Health and Human Services determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Marjorie Kelly, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services Division at (916) 657-2614.

Sincerely,  
***Original Document Signed By  
Marjorie Kelly on 10/5/98***

MARJORIE KELLY  
Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division

Attachment



September 15, 1998

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-53-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER  
ALL COUNTY COUNSELS

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SUBJECT: OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOME PLACEMENTS

The purpose of this Notice is to provide information on recently enacted legislation that established important new requirements and procedures regarding the placement of dependent children and wards in out-of-state group homes.

Senate Bill 933 (Chapter 311, Statutes of 1998) requires that out-of-state group homes used by county social services agencies or probation departments for the placement of dependent children and wards must be certified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to California licensing standards. By August 1999, CDSS will conduct on-site inspections and program reviews to determine that all out-of-state group homes used by California probation departments or county social services agencies meet the regulatory standards required of similar in-state facilities. Group homes determined to meet those requirements will be certified for one year and will continue to be eligible for public funds for the care of California children. Subsequent re-certifications will include annual inspections and program reviews. Additional inspections, program reviews, and investigations will take place as determined by the CDSS.

Pursuant to Section 7911.1(I), only out-of-state group homes authorized by the Compact Administrator to receive state funds are eligible to receive public funds, pending CDSS certification. Effective August 18, 1998, only those out-of-state group homes on the attached list are authorized to receive public funds - county, state or federal - for the care of California dependent children and wards.

In conjunction with these new requirements, CDSS is reestablishing an Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) placement processing function within CDSS to ensure that all ICPC requests into out-of-state group homes meet California statutory requirements. This will not affect ICPC procedures for out-of-state placements into relative or non-relative foster homes. The target implementation date for placement processing by CDSS of all out-of-state group home placement requests is November 1, 1998. Procedures are now being developed, and specific additional information will be available in a subsequent All County Letter.

If you have questions regarding certification standards and procedures, please contact Dave Dodds, Chief, Advocacy Branch, Community Care Licensing Division at (916) 657-2346. Questions related to ICPC policies and procedures should continue to be directed to Ernestine Barbieri, Deputy Compact Administrator, at (916) 445-2807.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By  
Marjorie Kelley on 9/15/98***

MARJORIE KELLY  
Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division

Enclosure

AUTHORIZED GROUP HOMES  
PENDING CERTIFICATION

Excelsior (Colorado)  
Colorado Boys Ranch (Colorado)  
Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)  
Mingus Mountain (Arizona)  
Rite of Passage (Nevada with the exception of the Remote training campus)  
Vision Quest (Arizona)  
Normative Services (Wyoming)  
Azelway (Texas)  
Boys/Girls Town of Missouri  
Boys Town of San Antonio  
Children's Home of Detroit  
Childea Institute (Wisconsin)  
Christie School (Oregon)  
Church of God Children's Home (North Carolina)  
Cinnamon Hills (Utah)  
Desert Hills (New Mexico)  
Devereaux (Texas)  
Devereaux (Massachusetts)  
Heritage Center (Utah)  
Kids Peace National Centers (Pennsylvania)  
Lutheran Family Services of Illinois  
Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)  
New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)  
Prairie Learning Center (North Dakota)  
Raindancer Youth Services (Utah)  
Sorenson's Ranch School (Utah)  
St. Aloysius Orphanage (Ohio)  
The Boys Ranch (New Mexico)  
Youth Dynamics, Inc. (Montana)